Supply of tyres for the Transport Department.

113 ✱ **MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a contract has been entered into by the Government with a Firm for the supply of tyres for the Transport Department ;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the name of that Firm ;

(*c*) the date and terms of the contract ; and

(*d*) whether the contract was given after tenders were invited and whether any other person or firm had submitted tenders ?

MR. E. G. SALTER (*Director of Transport*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Messrs. Ardeshir & Co., Madras.

(*c*) 21-2-1938. Supplies are made on a mileage contract basis.

(*d*) Tenders were invited but no other firm quoted rates.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know what is paid per mile for these tyres ?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Sir, I would refer the honourable member to the proceedings of the budget session held in Karkadagom 1113 where the whole question of tyre contract was discussed in its fullest details.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Is there any time limit fixed for the contract ?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The time limit for the contract and all other questions were answered then.

Rate charged by the State Transport.

114 ✱ **MR. K. A. MATHEW** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the rate per mile charged by the State Transport Department in their bus service ; and

(*b*) the rate per mile charged by the private bus companies in the following line services :—

(i) Alleppey-Quilon ;
(ii) Alleppey-Aroor ;
(iii) Kozhencherry-Tiruvalla ; and
(iv) Chengannur-Kayamkulam ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : (*a*) 1. 10 cash for ordinary services (approximately).

2. 50 per cent. above the ordinary services for Express (approximately.)

3. $1\frac{1}{3}$ Chs. for City Services (approximately).

(*b*) (i) $12\frac{1}{2}$ cash approximately.

(ii) 1 Ch. $3\frac{1}{2}$ cash approximately.

(iii) 1 Ch. 2 cash approximately.

(iv) 1 Ch. $7\frac{1}{2}$ cash approximately.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the Government have considered the advisability of getting the rates of private buses conform to the Government rates ?

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MR. E. G. SALTER: The question of Government taking action under the powers vested under the Motor Vehicles Act is under consideration.

Charge per mile fixed by the Transport Department.

115. ***MR. K. R. NARAYANAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the charge fixed per mile for the Express Bus?

MR. E. G. SALTER: 1 Ch. per mile (approximately.)

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): The distance between Alwaye and Kothamangalam is 22 miles and the rate is Re. 1-14-0. According to the answer, the rate should be only Chs. 22. But now the charge is double that. May I know the reason for the same?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The express fares are purposely arranged to discourage intermediate traffic.

Through tickets issued by the Transport Department.

116. ***MR. K. R. NARAYANAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether through tickets are issued for the ordinary bus in the Trivandrum-Kottayam line; and if not, the reason thereof?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No. There is no through service between Trivandrum and Kottayam by the ordinary bus.

Medical aid in Todupuzha.

117. ***MR. P. M. VARGHESE** (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of their declared policy that medical aid will be supplied within every six miles radius; and

(*b*) whether that policy has been ever applied in Todupuzha taluk which is the most malarial in the State?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) No such policy has been declared.

(*b*) This question does not therefore arise.

Parur Government Hospital.

118. ***MR. E. K. MADHAVAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of sanctioned beds in the Government Hospital, Parur and the number of inpatients at present accommodated in the hospital?

DR. S. JOHN:

Number of beds	...	46
Number of inpatients now accommodated	...	80

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know how this increasing number of persons is accommodated in the hospital?

DR. S. JOHN: They are put on the floor

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